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1. Czechoslovakia's stocks of fats are completely exhausted. There are no reserves at all.
2. The shortage in industrial diamonds has reached such proportions that jewelry gems have to be used. The department of the Ministry of Domestic Trade for the trade in gems, jewelry, watches and antiques, U Prasne brany 1, Prague I, has been ordered to release a quantity of jewelry diamonds for use in industry.
3. The United Steel Works, National Enterprise (Spojene ocelarny, n.p.-SONP), Kladno, has failed to pay over wage taxes since the currency reform. By November 1953, the enterprise owed the Treasury about 5,000,000 Kcs. for this tax alone.
4. By an order of the Ministry of Domestic Trade, issued about mid-September 1953, the socialist sectors of the economy, i.e., the nationalized concerns, are forbidden to purchase any kind of real property from private persons, so as not to extend the purchasing power of the public. A similar measure concerns personal property, which the socialist sectors may acquire from private persons only in exceptional circumstances, and under the following condition: the price must not be paid in cash but deposited into a blocked deposit account bearing no interest, from which the seller may draw a maximum of 1,000 Kcs a year.

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